

## The Singing Sergeants

The bleak midwinter is upon us here in Washington, D.C., but the Singing Sergeants are warming hearts by bringing the gift of music to our community, both military and civilian. The Spirituals Octet, led by MSgt Carol Wiley, will be performing at the Anderson House in Washington, as part of The Air Force Band's Chamber Players Series. Those in the D.C. area are encouraged to come hear this talented ensemble in this most lovely of settings.

January 10-14 will find four of our singers at Carnegie Hall in New York City. MSgts Russell Colleran and Jennifer Henley and TSgts Ryan Dolan and Amy Statz will be attending the Carnegie Hall Choral Workshop, conducted by James Conlon, the principal conductor of the Paris Opera. MSgt Henley will also have the honor of performing at the culmination of this event with an elite

auditioned chorus. They will be singing Mozart's *Requiem*, along with other notable works.

The Singing Sergeants will be taking to the road for some short trips during the month of February. From February 8-10, the chorus will join the Concert Band for a grand concert at the Texas Music Educators Association in San Antonio, Texas. Along with vocalists from Odessa College, Southwestern University, San Antonio Symphony Mastersingers and Children's Chorus of San Antonio, we will create a mass choir to present a performance of Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. We are very excited to be a part of this event and look forward to a great turnout. On February 24, the Singing Sergeants will be presenting a program of choral music at the American Choral Directors Association Regional Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. We will

present a varied program, including *Sweet and Sour Nursery Rhymes*, a work The USAF Band commissioned American composer Libby Larsen to write. This piece, along with many of the others we'll be singing at this convention, is featured on one of our latest recordings, *At Sunset Time*.

Congratulations to MSgt Russell Colleran and his wife, Nan! They are the proud parents of a baby girl. Kaitlin Rose Colleran was born November 18, weighing 9 lbs. 3 oz., a nice hefty size, which will help her stand up to her three strapping older brothers. Maybe a future Singing Sergeant has come into the world!

Welcome to the new millenium! May yours be filled with peace, love, and, of course, MUSIC!  
-TSgt Janice Recksten Carl

## Concert Band News

Happy New Year to all of our friends! It was great seeing so many of you at our many holiday performances. The Concert Band returns from a brief winter break to head into the recording studio in January. We have already begun work on a new compact disc of marches. This month we will try a new venue for our recording: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis, Maryland.

In February, we will begin our Guest Artist Series at DAR Constitution Hall. As usual, the Concert Band will be featured on the first half of the concerts, which take place each Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. No tickets are required. On

February 9, we will join forces with the Singing Sergeants to be featured at the Texas Music Educators Association annual convention in San Antonio, Texas. The highlight of the performance will be Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*, for which we will join several college choirs, forging a performance that the audience won't soon forget!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to TSgt Erin Gittelsohn, the newest member of the Concert Band. She is an oboist who comes to us from the USAF Heritage of America Band at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia.

-MSgt Jeffrey Gaylord

## CHAMBER PLAYERS EVENTS



The 1999-2000 Chamber Players season is off to a strong start with performances running the gamut from Accordion to Xylophone. SMSgt Mark Carson and TSgt Erica Kadison presented a recital at Montgomery College that explored the sensitivity and lyricism to be found in a percussion duo. At the Anderson House museum, MSgt Alexander Dean and TSgt Cleveland Chandler moved the audience with profound readings of unaccompanied violin sonatas by Prokofiev and Bach. The Brass Quintet, led by MSgt James Bittner, graced a Montgomery College audience with a program, immediately after their return from the Concert Band tour. CMSgt William Popp has shown himself to be a triple threat, performing solo piano, piano accompaniment and dazzling accordion solos, all on the same Anderson House program. Rounding out the fall season were concerts featuring musicians from various units of The Band. From the Singing Sergeants, MSgt Kevin Sapp and TSgts Anne Seaton, Amy Statz and Linda Waring performed Broadway selections. MSgt Sandra Cox from the Concert Band and MSgt William Hones of the Air Force Strings presented a Morton Gould duo for clarinet and double bass. Finally, MSgt Gil Corella led fellow members of the Ceremonial Brass in their own program.

Coming programs will be equally varied and exciting. Look for euphonium, trumpet, strings and the Singing Sergeants in recital in early 2000. Bravo!

-MSgt William Hones